

# OUTDOORS

This is your guide to programs and events held within Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area – a national park based on collaboration and partnership.

Dedicated staff, including many volunteers, of participating agencies and organizations provide avenues for you to explore and enjoy the Santa Monica Mountains.

## Questions on a particular program or event?

Look for the acronym at the end of the description (e.g., NPS = National Park Service) for the sponsoring park partner. Then turn to the **Directory on Page 37**.

**Directions** and **map** for program/event locations are also at the end of this booklet.

## Want the latest park news and info?

Call 805-370-2301 or visit www.nps.gov/samo You can also become a Facebook fan or Twitter follower:





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## Tips for a safe and enjoyable visit:

Whether you are an equestrian, hiker, or mountain bicyclist, help us protect our natural areas by staying on designated trails. Please also be considerate of other trail users and respect private land.

**KEEP HYDRATED** Carry and drink plenty of water. Recommend one quart for short walks and more for longer hikes.

FOOTWEAR Wear sturdy footwear hiking boots or sneakers with good tread.

**NEVER HIKE ALONE** The buddy system allows someone to go for help if needed.

**HELP PREVENT WILDFIRE** Avoid smoking on trails or in brush areas and do not build fires on the ground.

POISON OAK Staying on trails is the best way to avoid contact with this plant's leaves (clusters of three shiny leaflets) or its roots.

TICKS Check your clothing and exposed skin after hiking since some ticks may carry diseases.

#### **SOUTHERN PACIFIC RATTLESNAKES**

These snakes will not bother you if you stay away from them. If someone is bitten by one, do not make an incision or try to draw out venom. Instead, seek advanced medical attention and get the person to an emergency room.

#### **EMERGENCIES**

Call **911**. For a ranger, call Angeles Dispatch at 661-723-3620.



#### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area

#### **VISIT US!**

#### **Visitor Center**

26876 Mulholland Hwy Calabasas CA 91302 Hours: 9am to 5pm (closed some holidays) 805-370-2301

#### Online

www.nps.gov/samo **If** I /santamonicamtns

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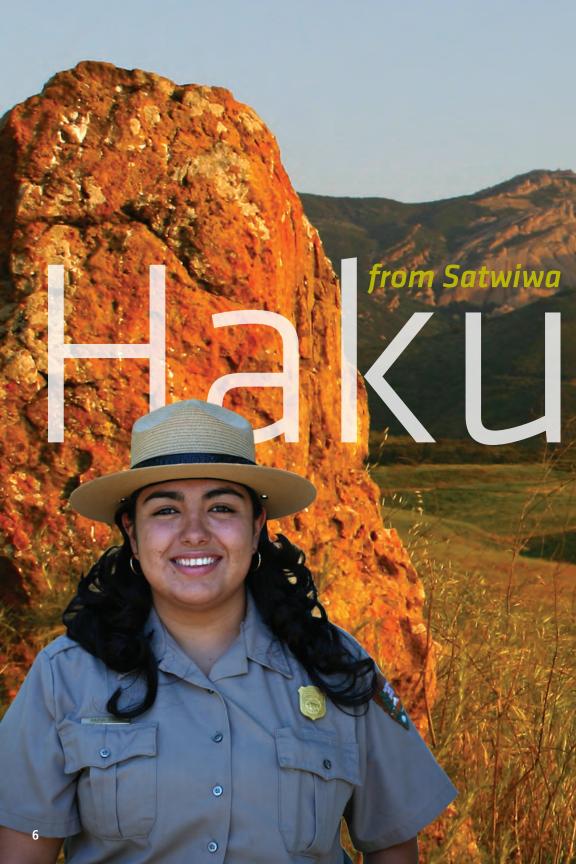
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From Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center, a very warm 'Haku'! That is "Greetings" or "Hello" in the Chumash language.

Welcome to a special site on the western end of Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. At Satwiwa, you can engage in dialogue with guest hosts that include local Chumash as well as other Native Americans from tribes and nations spanning the United States. Visitors can connect with the Native American community, learn about past and present traditions, and share each other's culture. Programs range from storytelling, ritual dancing, and flute music performances to hands-on activities where you may even create something of your very own.

Ready to learn another Chumash word? In fact, you have been reading it over and over again. The word "Satwiwa" has a connection to the landscape surrounding the culture center. If you look around the center you will see gently rolling hills, bluffs and the imposing face of Boney Mountain. That is exactly what Satwiwa translates to...the "bluffs" in one of the Chumash dialects!

Want to learn even more? Drop by Satwiwa to experience Native American culture, explore the great outdoors, or just simply relax and enjoy the 'Satwiwa' views from the porch.

– Satwiwa Ranger Razsa Cruz

The culture center is open on weekends (and some Monday Holidays) from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Questions? Call 805-370-2301



# Annual **Cold Creek Docents Naturalist Training**

Training begins Monday, September 24, 2012

Learn how to lead nature hikes at UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve. Teach kids age 8 to 12 about nature and earth science. Fee.

Info: 818-591-9363

#### TUE 10/2

8am Caballero Canvon -Lower Trailhead

Easy-pace Hikers: Bent Arrow Trail Enjoy chaparral and valley views on this 5-mile loop, 900' gain hike. Limited roadside parking-please rideshare. Bring 2 gts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 3hrs SC

#### TUF 10/2 9am

Santa Monica Mountains Moderate Hikers/ Hondo Canyon to Saddle Peak Moderately paced 10-mile roundtrip, 2000' gain hike with lunch at the peak. Meet at trailhead on Old Topanga Canyon Rd (Very limited parking on shoulder 0.5 mile from Topanga Canyon Blvd). Bring water, lunch, and lug soles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-839-8235. 5hrs SC



**Every Tuesday** 10:00am - 11:00am **King Gillette Ranch** 

Come enjoy a few new stories each week and talk about what you can explore further while in the Santa Monica Mountains. For ages 5 and under. WNPA/NPS

INFO: 805-370-2301

Photo: 5-Star Sunset by Greg Clure, **Spirit of the Mountains Photo Contest** 2011 Winner - People's Choice

#### WED 10/3

9am

Paramount Ranch Plein Air Painting All plein air painters, experts and beginners, are invited to join in. Bring your art materials whether you use watercolor, oil, or pastels. Ouestions: Pat at 805-583-8044. 3hrs TOPAW

#### THU 10/4 10am

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center Tiny Tot Trek Join a ranger for a fun-filled hike with your toddler (ages 4 years and under) while learning about nature. Bring a snack. Wear appropriate clothing, including sturdy shoes. Meet by the fountain. Reservations requested: 805-370-2301. Rain cancels, 2hrs NPS

# Spirit of the Mountains Photo Contest & Exhibit



#### **BIG PHOTO AFTERNOON**

at King Gillette Ranch Saturday, October 20

1:00pm - 4:00pm

Join us for the photo exhibit opening, announcement of winners for the 2012 Photo Contest, and other activities!

Visit: www.nps.gov/samo/ photocontest.htm

for the latest information.

INFO: 805-370-2301

#### SAT 10/6 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help maintain trails.
No experience necessary. Call for more information or to receive a current schedule in the mail: 818-222-4531. 6hrs
SMMTC

#### SAT 10/6 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Volunteers help
build and maintain trails. Tools
and instructions provided. Bring
gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy
footwear. For meeting place call
310-559-3126, 5.5hrs SC

#### SAT 10/6 8:45am

Cold Creek Preserve

Habitat Repair Help restore
oak trees, shrubs, and bunch
grasses that feed and shelter
wildlife. Receive community
service credit. Reservations
required: 818-591-1701 x203 or
volunteer@treepeople.org. 3hrs
MRT/CNPS/TP

#### SAT 10/6 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve – Lower Stunt High Trailhead First Saturday Savor an autumn walk-about along a streamside trail through oak woodlands to a gently rolling chaparral basin below craggy sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

#### SAT 10/6 10am

Franklin Canyon -Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr Franklin's Movie Magic The site has been the backdrop for movies and TV shows since the 1930s. Go on location on an easy walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

#### SAT 10/6 2pm

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Let's Move Outside Kids of all
ages, get physically active in the
great outdoors. This ranger-led
activity consists of a physical
fitness obstacle course and
prizes will be awarded! Meet in
the parking lot. 1hr NPS

#### SAT 10/6 7pm

Malibu Creek State Park
Moonlight Hike Join a docent
for an easy 6 mile, 500' gain
hike past Century Lake to the
MASH film site. Bring daypack,
flashlight, 2 qts water, sweater,
and lug soles. Meet at lower
parking lot by restrooms. Fire,
high winds cancels. 3hrs MCD

#### SUN 10/7 8am

Topanga State Park

Audubon Bird Walk Buffs and
beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring
binoculars, hat, water, snack,
and optional bird book. Info:
310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

#### SUN 10/7 10am

Franklin Canyon Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Kids' Hands in Nature For
ages 3-8 accompanied by an
adult, join us for an easy stroll
to study the nature around us.
Afterwards create art inspired
by all the nature you have seen.
2hrs MRCA/SMMC

## SUN 10/7 10am-2pm

Satwiwa Native American Culture Center Exhibit Opening – Bernie Granados Jr. See box on next page

#### SUN 10/7 2pm, 3pm

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center Sustainable Sundays – Tour and Scavener Hunt See box at upper right

# Sustainable Sundays

at the Visitor Center

## **October 7 & 21**

2:00pm - 3:00pm Sustainable Sunday Tour Get a behind the scenes tour for what makes this the first Net-Zero Visitor Center in the National Park Service.

3:00pm - 4:00pm Sustainable Sunday Scavenger Hunt Grab your digital camera or cell phone for this hunt. Talk with a ranger about what you find and earn a "green" prize!

Meet by the fountain at King Gillete Ranch. NPS

INFO: 805-370-2301



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## **Exhibit Opening**

## Sunday, October 7 10am – 2pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center



#### Bernie Granados Jr.

This Apache-Zacatec artist produces amazing acrylic art and intricately painted gourd masks.

The exhibit will run through January 5, 2013. All ages welcome. Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

# **Environmental Educator Training**

Let the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains train you to become an Environmental Educator this fall.

INFORMATION rcdsmm.org/education rcdsmm.edu@gmail.com 818-597-8627 x103

#### TUE 10/9

Circle X Ranch –
Mishe Mokwa Trailhead
Moderate Hikers: Mishe
Mokwa to Sandstone Peak
(3111') Join a 9-mile, 1500'
gain loop scenic hike past Balanced Rock, Split Rock and Echo
Cliffs on Boney Mountain. Bring
water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain
cancels. Info: 310-450-4102.
5hrs SC

9am

#### TUE 10/9 10am-11am

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center Storytime See box on Page 8

#### FRI 10/12 3pm

Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center
King Gillette Ranch History
Tour Join a ranger for a walking
tour of the King Gillette Ranch
property and learn about its
history. Meet at the fountain.
1hr NPS/MRCA

#### SAT 10/13 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help maintain trails.
No experience necessary. Call for more information or to receive a current schedule in the mail: 818-222-4531. 6hrs
SMMTC

# SAT 10/13 8:30am Santa Monica Mountains

La Sierra Restoration Day
Meet at Peter Strauss Ranch to
caravan to La Sierra Preserve.
Bring snack and water. Receive
community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@
treepeople.org or 818-591-1701
x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

#### SAT 10/13 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Volunteers help
build and maintain trails. Tools
and instructions provided. Bring
gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy
footwear. For meeting place call
310-559-3126, 5.5hrs SC

#### SAT 10/13 9am

Franklin Canyon -Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr Nature in Focus A good photographer combines technique, composition, and being in the right place at the right time to take a memorable picture. We'll provide a stunning setting and help you along the way. Bring a camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

#### SAT 10/13 9:30am

King Gillette Ranch
Artist's Paint-Out A historic
ranch, eucalyptus, oaks, Mediterranean estate, and a pond
provide opportunities for new
paintings. For new or experienced artist, any media. Info:
allied-artists.com or 310-3831374. 4hrs AASMM

#### SAT 10/13 10am

Malibu Creek State Park
Movie Walk Join a docent for
an easy 4 mile, 500' gain walk
along mostly flat fire roads to
film & TV sites illustrated with
photos. Bring daypack, one
quart water, hat, sunscreen,
and sweater. Meet at lower
parking lot by restrooms. Rain
cancels. 2.5hrs MCD

#### SAT 10/13 10am

Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center
Hike to Inspiration Point Join
a ranger on a moderate, 1-mile
roundtrip hike for a view of
the Las Virgenes Valley. Bring
water, sunscreen, and wear appropriate clothing. Meet at the
fountain. 1hr NPS

#### SAT 10/13 4pm & 6pm

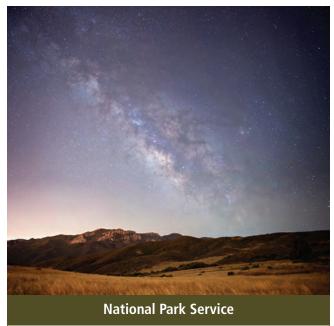
NPS Headquarters & Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa Astrophotography Lecture & Field Workshop See right

#### SAT 10/13 6:30pm

Headwaters Corner
Youth Naturalist Program:
Nighttime in Nature Youth
ages 8-12 will discover the
nightlife of wildlife in the
mountains and learn why
some animals stay up all night.
Enjoy a pizza dinner before our
evening hike and craft. Fee. Preregistration required: 818-5911701 x212. 3hrs MRT

#### SUN 10/14 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center
Flocks on the Flyway Heading
south, birds are looking for a
cozy winter home. See and hear
about migration on this 1-mile
accessible walk. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome. Meet
at the flagpole. Rain cancels.
2hrs NPS



LECTURE SERIES

## **DSLR Astrophotography Lecture & Field Workshop**

Saturday, October 13

#### **LECTURE**

4:00pm - 5:00pm

NPS Headquarters 401 West Hillcrest Drive Thousand Oaks CA 91360

### FIELD WORKSHOP

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa

CLU Professor *Mike Shaw* demonstrates how to create spectacular photographs of the Milky Way, star trails, and the Moon! *Note: DSLR and tripods strongly recommended for the field workshop*. Bring a flashlight. **Info: 805-370-2301** 

### Topanga Canyon Docents

Fall Naturalist Training not offered this fall due to renovation of Trippet Ranch Nature Center.
The training program is anticipated to resume in 2013.
For ongoing information: topangadocents.org



### Garden Tours at the Historic Adamson House

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tuesdays at 10am
For groups of 10 or more.

Reservations required: 310-456-8432

#### Fridays at 10am

For individuals and small groups (no reservations required).

Meet docent at the Gate House for a one-hour tour. Heavy rain cancels. FEE.

A Children's Tour of the Adamson House, Malibu Lagoon Museum, and Malibu Lagoon

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

View life as lived at the house in the 1930's, Chumash culture, plus birds, fish, and tidepools at the lagoon. 2.5 hours MLMD

Organized children's groups only (such as school groups, scouts, and sports groups).

Reservations required: 310-317-8379 or 310-456-8432

#### SUN 10/14 8:45am

Santa Monica Mountains
Weed War Is Recruiting
Weed Warriors Plants that
don't belong are removed and
replaced with habitat forming
native plants that support native animals. Bring lunch, water,
and gloves. Receive community
service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.
org or 818-348-5910. 3.5hrs
MRT/CNPS/TP

#### SUN 10/14 9am

King Gillette Ranch
Nature in Focus A good photographer combines technique, composition, and being in the right place at the right time to take a memorable picture. We'll provide a stunning setting and help you along the way. Bring a camera. Meet in the parking lot to the left of the pond. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

#### SUN 10/14 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve –
Lower Stunt High Trailhead
Autumn's Allure Easy hike
downhill through rock-studded
chaparral, grassland, and riparian habitats. Bring water and
snack. 2hrs CCD

#### SUN 10/14 10am

King Gillette Ranch
Innovation in the Golden Era
This site was home to MGM
director, Clarence Brown, who
made movies on this filming location. Look behind the scenes
at his filmmaking innovations
and Hollywood parties on this
easy walk. Meet in the parking
lot to the left of the pond.
1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

#### SUN 10/14 2pm

Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center
Gardening with Nature Tour
the new garden with a ranger.
Learn how using native plants
can mean less work, saving
money, and benefitting the
environment! Meet at fountain.
1hr NPS

#### TUE 10/16 8am

Santa Monica Mountains
Easy-pace Hikers 5-mile,
1400' loss hike in a dramatic,
scenic canyon. Short shuttle to
top of mountain and a downhill
hike. Meet on Old Topanga
Canyon Rd (very limited parking
on shoulder 0.4 mile from Topanga Canyon Blvd). Bring 2 qts
water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and
sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info:
818-787-5420. 3hrs SC

#### TUE 10/16 9:15am

Castro Crest

Moderate Hikers: Backbone Trail - Castro Crest Lollipop Loop: 9 miles, 1600' gain hike through lush upper Solstice Canyon and Latigo Canyon. Bring water, lunch and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-202-0331. 5hrs SC

#### TUE 10/16 10am-11am

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center Storytime See box on Page 8

# TUE 10/16 7:30pm Temescal Gateway Park

Culture in the Canyon
Don't miss the last Chautauqua
lecture of the year. For program
topic visit lamountains.com.
We will start back up February
2013. Meet at Woodland Hall.
1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

#### SAT 10/20 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Rehab Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. Call for more information or to receive a current schedule.
818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

#### SAT 10/20 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Volunteers help
build and maintain trails. Tools
and instructions provided. Bring
gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy
footwear. For meeting place call
310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

#### SAT 10/20 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park
Return of the Lost Oak
Woodlands Help rebuild habitat. Receive community service
credit. Reservations required:
volunteer@treepeople.org or
818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT/
CNPS/TP

#### SAT 10/20 10am

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Tiny Tot Trek Join a ranger for
a fun-filled hike with your toddler (ages 4 years and under)
while learning about nature.
Bring a snack. Wear appropriate
clothing including sturdy shoes.
Meet by the fountain. Reservations requested: 805-370-2301.
Rain cancels. 2hrs NPS

#### SAT 10/20 1pm-4pm

King Gillette Ranch
BIG PHOTO AFTERNOON
See box on page 8 and also
visit: www.nps.gov/samo/
photocontest.htm

#### SAT 10/20

2pm

King Gillette Ranch
Capture a Nature Moment
Nature offers the best photo
opportunities, but can be a
difficult model. Learn the tricks
of nature photography on an
easy walk. Bring a camera. 2hrs
MRCA/SMMC

### SAT 10/20 3pm

Temescal Gateway Park
A Walk into the Chumash
World Discover how Chumash
Indians have used local natural
resources for thousands of years
to create a sustainable way of
life on this easy 1-mile walk.
Meet at the front parking lot.
2hrs MRCA/SMMC

#### SUN 10/21 8am

Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds
in unspoiled habitats. Bring
binoculars. Beginners welcome!
Meet in lower parking lot.
Muriel 310-457-5796 or Art
818-887-0973, 4hrs SEVAS

#### SUN 10/21 8:45am

Topanga State Park

Lower Topanga Park Restoration Help plant, water, and weed. Receive credit for community service. Bring water and snack; wear sturdy footwear. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs

MRT/CNPS/TP

#### SUN 10/21 10am

Malibu Bluffs Park
Bluffs Ramble to the Sea
Ramble two miles around the
coastal park on trails with views
of mountains and sea; walk
on the beach; return to the
Bluffs and look for dolphins and
whales. Meet in parking lot.
2hrs CNPS

## SUN 10/21

10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm Satwiwa Native American Culture Center

Free Cultural Program – Michael Chas Williams
This Wichita tribal artist will teach the basics of creating your very own dream catcher.
Basic materials provided.
Additional materials including beads, feathers, and leather may be purchased (cash only).
All ages welcome. NPS

#### **SUN 10/21**

**11am** 

King Gillette Ranch
Kids' Hands in Nature For
ages 3-8 accompanied by an
adult, join us for a gentle stroll
to study the nature around us.
Afterwards create art inspired
by all the nature you have seen.
Meet in parking lot to left of
pond. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

## Malibu Lagoon State Beach Adamson House

## Adamson House Docent Training

Learn how to share Malibu's fascinating history with the public and how to conduct guided tours of the historic Adamson House. Group or individual training available. FEE.

Reservations required: 310-456-8432

#### SUN 10/21

2pm

Franklin Canyon Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Capture a Nature Moment
Nature offers the best photo
opportunities, but can be a
difficult model. Learn the tricks
of nature photography on an
easy walk. Bring a camera. 2hrs
MRCA/SMMC

#### SUN 10/21 2pm

Paramount Ranch
Movie Magic Illusions and
hard work turn a dusty set into
a realistic town. Join us on this
easy-paced walk to discover
movie magic and the history of
Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

#### SUN 10/21 2pm, 3pm

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center Sustainable Sundays – Tour and Scavener Hunt See box on page 9

#### TUE 10/23 9am

Leo Carrillo State Park
Moderate Hikers: Nicholas
Flat 8-miles, 1800'gain hike on
a scenic trail with ocean views.
Meet in the parking lot. Parking
fee. Bring water, lunch, and
lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info:
310-274-4987. 4hrs SC

#### TUE 10/23 10am-11am

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center Storytime See box on Page 8

#### TUE 10/23 7pr

Headwaters Corner
Gourd Society Meeting Join
an on-going workshop of gourd
artists and experience new
techniques and ideas. Beginners
welcome. Gourds available.
Info: 818-702-8020. 2hrs SFVGP

#### THU 10/25 10am

Zuma/Trancas Canyon – Zuma Canyon Trailhead
Edible Native Plant Walk It's harvest time! Join a ranger for a 2-mile hike through lower Zuma Canyon. We'll identify native edible plants and some of the techniques Chumash and plant people all over North America have used to gather and prepare them. 2hrs NPS

#### SAT 10/27 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Invasive Plant Removal: Volunteers Needed Help remove
invasive Spanish broom from
Saddle Peak and restore native
habitat. Receive community
service credit. Reservations
required: Jerry 818-406-1269.
Rain cancels. 5hrs SMMTC

#### SAT 10/27 8:30am

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and instructions provided. Bring
gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy
footwear. For meeting place call
310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

#### SAT 10/27 9am

Zuma/Trancas Canyons -Zuma Canyon Trailhead Lower Zuma Canyon Hike Follow canyon and ridge trails to see ocean and coastal views. Strenuous 11-mile, 2800' gain loop hike. Bring water and lunch. Red flag alert cancels. Info: 310-474-0349. 5.5hrs SC

#### SAT 10/27 10am-4pm

Circle X Ranch

13th Annual Cider at Circle X
See box to the right

#### SAT 10/27 10am

Malibu Creek State Park
Welcome to Malibu Creek
Join a docent for a walk along
the creek and through a
wooded valley. Learn about the
area's animals, plants, early inhabitants, and movies filmed in
the park. Meet at lower parking
lot. 2hrs MCD

#### SAT 10/27 10am

Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center
Hike to Inspiration Point Join
a ranger on a moderate, 1-mile
roundtrip hike for a view of
the Las Virgenes Valley. Bring
water, sunscreen, and wear appropriate clothing. Meet at the
fountain. 1hr NPS

#### SAT 10/27 2pm

King Gillette Ranch

A Walk into the Chumash

World Discover how Chumash
Indians have used the natural
resources of their environment
for thousands of years to create
a sustainable way of life on
this easy 1-mile walk. Meet at
parking lot to left of pond. 2hrs
MRCA/SMMC

#### SAT 10/27 6pm

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Creatures Creeping As the
sun goes down, the night comes
alive. Hear some Halloween
tales on an easy 1-mile walk, as
we look and listen for coyotes,
scorpions, and owls. Bring
binoculars and a flashlight. Rain
cancels. Meet at main parking
lot. 2hrs NPS

#### SUN 10/28 8:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching Experts and beginners, adults and teens, all are welcome. Bring binoculars. Info: 310-395-6235. 2–3hrs SMBAS

#### SUN 10/28 10am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents Short walk for children and families suspended until lagoon reconfiguration is finished and sufficient parking available. Info: 310-395-6235. SMBAS

#### SUN 10/28 10am

Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center
Gardening with Nature Tour
the new garden with a ranger.
Learn how using native plants
can mean less work, saving
money, and benefitting the
environment! Meet at fountain.
1hr NPS

#### SUN 10/28 11am

Will Rogers State Historic Park ALLIED ARTISTS 2nd Annual Art Exhibit See box to the right

#### SUN 10/28 3:30pm

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Spooky Spiders Learn about
the spectacular (and sometimes) spooky spiders of the
mountains within this 1-mile
hike. Bring your binoculars,
water and sturdy shoes.
Meet at main parking lot.
1hr NPS

#### MON 10/29 6pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Enjoy the
mountains, meadow, and an
ocean overlook as the moon
lights our way. Bring a flashlight
and meet at upper parking
lot. Rain cancels. Reservations
required: 310-317-1364. \$4
parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

#### MON 10/29 6:30pm

Franklin Canyon -Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr Full Moon Jaunt Join a moderately strenuous hike with great views exploring nature by moonlight. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

#### TUE 10/30 8am

Santa Monica Mountains
Easy-pace Hikers: China Flat
6-mile, 1000' gain hike in scenic
Simi Hills with panoramic views
to a seasonal pond. Meet at
Lindero Canyon Road trailhead.
From Ventura Fwy (101) take
Lindero Canyon Rd north.
Proceed 4 miles, past Kanan Rd
to King James Ct, and park just
north on Lindero Canyon Rd.
Bring water, snack, lugsoles,
hat, and sunscreen. Rain
cancels. Info: 818-787-5420.
3.5hrs SC

#### TUE 10/30 9am

Malibu Creek State Park -Tapia Unit

Moderate Hikers to Paramount Ranch 11-mile, 1400' gain hike as you go through the park to Paramount Ranch, the site of many movies. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-454-4188. 5hrs SC

#### TUE 10/30 10am-11am

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center

Storytime See box on Page 8



# 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Cider at Circle X

#### October 27, 2012

Saturday, 10am—4pm Circle X Ranch

Visit a site high in the Santa Monica Mountains. Drop by for cider, cookies, and candy at the Circle X Contact Station. Park staff will be available to provide trail information for self-guided exploration. NPS

ALLIED ARTISTS OF THE SANTA
MONICA MOUNTAINS & SEASHORE

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual

## **Art Exhibit**

Will Rogers State Historic Park

## October 28, 2012

Sunday, 11am to 5pm Exhibit and Sale: Spend an afternoon viewing original art by local artists. Enjoy panoramic views of the beautiful grounds, hike the trails and ranch tours. Artists donate 20% of sales. Entry and parking fees.

Info: Pat Ryan, 310-457-9130 or www.allied-artists.com



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Park Service). Then use the

to contact the sponsoring

**Directory on Page 37** 

agency or organization.

#### THU 11/1 8:30am

Cold Creek Preserve -Lower Stunt High Trailhead Thursday Hikers: Stunt High Trail to Saddle Peak Moderately paced 8-mile, 2000' gain hike to Saddle Peak. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799, 4hrs SC

#### FRI 11/2 6pm

Paramount Ranch Whose Hoo? Join a ranger on this 1.5-mile hike and discover the tricks of identifying the different owls here. Bring your flashlight, sturdy shoes, and warm clothing. Meet in main parking lot. 1.5hrs NPS

#### **SAT 11/3** 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains Trail Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary, Call for more information or to receive a current schedule in the mail. 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

#### SAT 11/3 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains Trail Work Volunteers help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place call 310-559-3126, 5.5hrs SC

#### **SAT 11/3** 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve -Lower Stunt High Trailhead First Saturday Savor an autumn walk-about along a streamside trail, through oak woodlands to a gently rolling chaparral basin below craggy sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

#### **SAT 11/3**

10am Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa Las Maravillas del Otoño The Wonders of Fall **Bilingual Hike** See box at lower left

## LAS MARAVILLAS DEL OTOÑO

The Wonders of Fall Bilingual Hike

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa

Saturday, November 3 10am Los dias se hacen mas cortos y los arboles han cambiado su color. Venga a ver que otras cosas el Otoño nos trae. Gratis. Para direcciónes vea #22 (Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa) del mapa incluido al final de este librito. Encuentrenos en el esacionamente principal. Información: 805-418-3163. 1.5hrs

The days are getting shorter and the trees are turning colors. Come see what other changes the fall season brings to our mountains by joining us on this bilingual exploration hike. Meet in the main parking lot. Info: 805-370-2301, 1.5hrs

# 2012 Backbone Festival Hikes

Join us on the 15th year of this annual event. On the first three Saturdays and Sundays in November and the first weekend in December, the Sierra Club's Angeles Chapter will lead a hike on a portion of the 70-mile Santa Monica Mountains Backbone Trail.

#### November 3

#### Saturday, 9am

Circle X Ranch -

Mishe Mokwa Trailhead

#### Mishe Mokwa to 6 Peaks

Strenuous 9-mile, 2700' gain hike to reach six easy peaks (2800' to 3111') in one day. Bring water and lunch, Rain cancels, Info: 310-990-7643, 5hrs

#### November 4

Sunday, 8:30am Zuma/Trancas Canyons -

Newton Canyon Trailhead

#### **Corral Canyon to Kanan Road**

Easy 7-mile hike on scenic trail. Car shuttle. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-559-3126. 4hrs

#### November 10

#### Saturday, 9am

Santa Monica Mountains

#### Tapia Peak to Mesa Peak

Moderate 7-mile roundtrip, 1800' gain hike to Mesa Peak (1844') for spectacular ocean views. Meet on shoulder of Piuma Road at intersection with Malibu Canyon Road. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles, Rain cancels, Info: 310-839-8235, 4hrs

#### November 11

#### Sunday, 9am

Point Mugu State Park -Ray Miller Trailhead

#### Ray Miller Trail Loop

Moderate 8-mile, 1400' gain loop hike at the western end of the Backbone Trail into La Jolla Canyon. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels, Info: 818-773-4601, 4hrs

#### November 17

#### Saturday, 9am

Santa Monica Mountains

#### **Hondo Canyon to Saddle Peak**

Moderately strenuous 10-mile roundtrip, 2000' gain hike to lunch at peak. Meet at trailhead on Old Topanga Cyn Road, at turn-out 0.5 mile from Topanga Cyn Blvd. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels, Info: 310-202-0331, 5hrs.

#### November 18

#### Sunday, 9am

Zuma/Trancas Canyons -Newton Canyon Trailhead

#### **Kanan Dume Road to Trancas Canvon**

Moderately paced 8-mile, 1700' gain hike past Newton Canyon Falls to a streamside lunch, Bring water and lunch, Rain cancels. Info: 310-539-8217, 4hrs

#### December 1

#### Saturday, 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

#### **Bienveneda-Leacock Trails to Will Rogers State Historic Park**

Very strenuous 15-mile, 2800' gain loop hike into Temescal Canyon and Will Rogers State Historic Park. Meet at end of Bienveneda Avenue (Sunset Blvd. 0.5 mile west of Temescal Cyn Road. 1 mile north on Bienveneda to gate at Villa Floresta. Park on street). Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-398-6344. 7hrs

#### December 2

#### Sunday, 9am

Topanga State Park -Dead Horse Trailhead

#### Topanga State Park - Dead Horse Trailhead

Moderate 8-mile roundtrip, 1200' gain hike. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-820-8021. 4hrs

# Sustainable Sundays

at the Visitor Center

## November 4 & 18

2:00pm - 3:00pm Sustainable Sunday Tour Get a behind the scenes tour for what makes this the first Net-Zero Visitor Center in the National Park Service.

3:00pm - 4:00pm Sustainable Sunday Scavenger Hunt Grab your digital camera or cell phone for this hunt. Talk with a ranger about what you find and earn a "green" prize!

Meet by the fountain at King Gillete Ranch. NPS

INFO: 805-370-2301



#### SAT 11/3 10am

Franklin Canyon -Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr Franklin's Movie Magic The site has been the backdrop for movies and TV shows since the 1930s. Go on location on an easy walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

#### SAT 11/3 2pm

King Gillette Ranch
Capture a Nature Moment
Nature offers the best photo
opportunities, but can be a
difficult model. Learn the tricks
of nature photography on an
easy walk. Bring a camera. 2hrs
MRCA/SMMC

#### SUN 11/4 8am

Topanga State Park

Audubon Bird Walk Buffs and
beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring
binoculars, hat, water, snack,
and optional bird book. Info:
310-455-1401, 2.5hrs LAAS

#### SUN 11/4 9am

Franklin Canyon Sooky Goldman Nature Center
Nature Trek A moderately-difficult hike covering the canyon
from top to bottom including
shady green trails to sun-baked
steep paths. Canyon history and
habitat chat along the way. 2hrs
MRCA/SMMC

## SUN 11/4 10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm

Satwiwa Native American Culture Center

Free Cultural Program—Richard Bugbee Want to become more familiar with the indigenous native plant uses? Join Richard Bugbee, a Payumkawichum native, at the Satwiwa botanical garden. All ages welcome. NPS

#### SUN 11/4

2pm

Franklin Canyon Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Capture a Nature Moment
Nature offers the best photo
opportunities, but can be a
difficult model. Learn the tricks
of nature photography on an
easy walk. Bring a camera. 2hrs
MRCA/SMMC

#### TUE 11/6 8:30am

Point Mugu State Park
Conditioned Hikers: Sycamore/Serrano Ramble Very
strenuous, 14-mile, 2100' gain
hike up Serrano Canyon, down
to Danielson Ranch with a ridge
return. Bring water, lunch, and
lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info:
310-395-7432. 6hrs SC

#### TUE 11/6 10am-11am

King Gillette Ranch
Storytime See box to right

#### SAT 11/10 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Rehab Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. Call for more information or to receive a current schedule.
818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

#### SAT 11/10 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Volunteers help
build and maintain trails. Tools
and instructions provided. Bring
gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy
footwear. For meeting place call
310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

#### SAT 11/10 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
La Sierra Restoration Day
Meet at Peter Strauss Ranch to
caravan to La Sierra Preserve.
Bring snack and water. Receive
community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@
treepeople.org or 818-591-1701
x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

#### SAT 11/10 9:30am

Peter Strauss Ranch
Artist's Paint-Out Join us as
we paint sycamores and distant
mountain views. For the new or
experienced artist, any media.
Info: allied-artists.com or 310383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

#### SAT 11/10 10am

Malibu Creek State Park
Hike into Movie History Join
park ranger and film historian,
Mike Malone, for a short hike to
the location of the Welsh mining village from "How Green
Was My Valley." Meet at lower
parking lot. 1.5hrs NPS

#### SAT 11/10 2pm

King Gillette Ranch
A Walk into the Chumash
World Discover how Chumash
Indians have used the natural
resources of their environment
for thousands of years to create
a sustainable way of life on
this easy 1-mile walk. Meet at
parking lot to left of pond. 2hrs
MRCA/SMMC

#### SAT 11/10 2pm

Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center
Happy Birthday Santa
Monica Mountains National
Recreation Area! Come
celebrate the 34th birthday
of Santa Monica Mountains
National Recreation Area! Join
rangers for a get-together in the
courtyard and a history tour of
King Gillette Ranch. 1hr NPS/
MRCA/CSP

Sponsored by Santa Monica Mountains Fund with the National Park Service and Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority

## Stokes Creek Volunteer Restoration & Fundraiser Event

## Saturday, November 10, 10am - 2pm

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center at King Gillette Ranch

Stokes Creek is a tributary of Malibu Creek – home to the endangered steelhead trout. Help improve habitat for wildlife by planting native trees and shrubs. All ages and abilities are welcome to join in the fun. Select one of the native plants we will have on hand to plant or have us plant for you. Your tax-deductible donation of \$5 per plant benefits park-wide restoration projects and education.

#### Visit www.samofund.org

for info about group or corporate opportunities.

#### SUN 11/11 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center New Birds on the Block

Check out the latest fashions as our wintering species swap their bright, summer feathers for high-couture camouflage—on this 1-mile accessible walk. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome. Meet at the flagpole. Rain cancels. 2hrs NPS

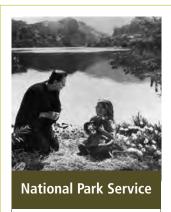




Every Tuesday 10:00am - 11:00am King Gillette Ranch

Come enjoy a few new stories each week and talk about what you can explore further while in the Santa Monica Mountains. For ages 5 and under WNPA/NPS

INFO: 805-370-2301



LECTURE SERIES

# Three Magical Miles

#### November 17 Saturday, 10am and 2pm

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center

Find out how Frankenstein, racing cars, Elvis Presley, and a 1915 post office are all related.

Brian Rooney, author of the best selling local history book,
"Three Magical Miles" will give a dynamic presentation and sign books.

Reservations required: www.R7Media.com/ 3MM-NPS.html

Info: 805-370-2301

#### SUN 11/11 8:45am

Santa Monica Mountains
Weed War Join us at a restoration site. Receive community
service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.
org or 818-348-5910. 3.5hrs
MRT/CNPS/TP

#### SUN 11/11 11am

Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center
Getting Started in Gardening with Nature Join a ranger and tour the new garden. Learn the advantages of using native plants, how to get started, and where to buy plants. Meet at the fountain. 1hr NPS

#### TUE 11/13 10am-11am

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center Storytime See box on Page 19

### FRI 11/16 2pm

Paramount Ranch
Autumn Colors Join a park
ranger for an easy walk to look
for fall colors. These will be
colors with a California twist,
so expect to see colors in unexpected places. 1.5hrs NPS

## SAT 11/17 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Invasive Plant Removal:
Volunteers Needed Help
remove invasive Spanish broom
from Saddle Peak and restore
native habitat. Receive community service credit. Reservations
required: Jerry 818-406-1269.
Rain cancels. 5hrs SMMTC

#### SAT 11/17 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Volunteers help
build and maintain trails. Tools
and instructions provided. Bring
gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy
footwear. For meeting place call
310-559-3126, 5.5hrs SC

#### SAT 11/17 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience
necessary. For more info or to
receive a schedule. 818-2224531. 6hrs SMMTC

#### SAT 11/17 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park
Return of the Lost Oak
Woodlands Rebuild habitat.
Receive community service
credit. Reservations required:
volunteer@treepeople.org or
818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT/
CNPS/TP

#### SAT 11/17 8:45am

Cold Creek Preserve

Habitat Repair Help restore
habitat that feeds and shelters
wildlife. Receive community
service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.
org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs
MRT/CNPS/TP

#### SAT 11/17 10am, 2pm

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center Lecture Series - Three Magical Miles See box to left

#### SAT 11/17 10am

Malibu Creek State Park
Movie Walk Enjoy an easy
4 mile, 500' gain walk along
mostly flat fire roads to film &
TV sites illustrated with photos.
Bring daypack, 1 qt water, hat,
sunscreen, and sweater. Meet at
lower parking lot by restrooms.
Rain cancels. 2.5hrs MCD

## SAT 11/17 3pm

Temescal Gateway Park

A Walk into the Chumash
World Discover how Chumash
Indians have used local natural
resources for thousands of years
to create a sustainable way of
life on this easy 1-mile walk.
Meet at the front parking lot.
2hrs MRCA/SMMC

#### SAT 11/17 6:30pm

Headwaters Corner
Youth Naturalist Program:
Astronomy For children ages
8-12, learn about the night
sky using telescopes. Guest
speakers will guide us through
the stars, planets, nebulae and
constellations. Bring a flashlight
and a shoebox with a lid. Fee.
Pre-registration required: 818591-1701 x212. 3hrs MRT

#### SUN 11/18 8am

Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds
in unspoiled habitats. Bring
binoculars. Beginners welcome!
Meet in lower parking lot.
Muriel 310-457-5796 or Art
818-887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS

#### SUN 11/18 8:30am

Topanga State Park
Lower Topanga Park Restoration Help plant, water, and weed. Receive credit for community service. Bring water and snack; wear sturdy footwear. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs
MRT/CNPS/TP

#### SUN 11/18 9am

Caballero Canyon -Lower Trailhead

Chaparral Chatter Explore the greening byways of the valley's entrance into Topanga State Park. Early blooms add color to the canyon. Bring water, snack, and hat. RSVP: 818-782-9346. 3hrs CNPS



Cold Creek Preserve -Lower Stunt High Trailhead Autumn Canyon Walk

Easy hike through rock-studded chaparral, grassland, and riparian habitats. 2.5hrs CCD

#### SUN 11/18 10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm Satwiwa Native American

Culture Center
Free Cultural Program –
Rowan Harrison
See box below

### SUN 11/18 2pm, 3pm

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center Sustainable Sundays – Tour and Scavener Hunt See box on page 18

#### TUE 11/20 10am-11am

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center

**Storytime** *See box on Page 19* 



### Garden Tours at the Historic Adamson House

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

#### Tuesdays at 10am

For groups of 10 or more. Reservations required: 310-456-8432

#### Fridays at 10am

For individuals and small groups (no reservations required).

Meet docent at the Gate House for a one-hour tour. Heavy rain cancels. FEE.

## **Free Cultural Program**

## Sunday, November 18 10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center



Rowan Harrison, from the Navajo and Pueblo of Isleta people from New Mexico, will demonstrate and teach the traditional methods of coiling pottery.

All ages welcome. Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

#### WED 11/21 10am

Peter Strauss Ranch
Plein Air Painting All plein air
painters, experts and beginners,
are invited to join in. Bring your
art materials whether you use
watercolor, oil, or pastels. Questions: Pat at 805-583-8044.
3hrs TOPAW

#### WED 11/21 11am

Rocky Oaks

Take a Hike! Never been hiking before or just getting started?

Join a ranger for a 1.25-mile hike and learn what you'll need to get started. We'll also identify ticks, poison oak and other safety hazards. 2hrs NPS

#### FRI 11/23 10am

Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center
Let's Move Outside Kids of
all ages, come shake off that
turkey and act like a turkey – by
getting physically active in the
great outdoors! Join a ranger
on a physical fitness obstacle
course - prizes will be awarded.
Meet by the fountain. 1hr NPS

#### **Historic Adamson House**

at Malibu Lagoon State Beach



Enjoy extended hours during the Thanksgiving weekend: 1-hour tours from 11am to 4pm on Friday and Saturday, 11/23 and 11/24. Also, ½-hour tours from 2pm to 4pm on Sunday, 11/25, with prepaid reservations. FEE.

For reservations: 310-456-8432



# Select Your Summit Saturday! Pick your location and level of difficulty November 24. 10 am

### Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center

Join a ranger on an **easy/moderate**, 1-mile roundtrip hike at King Gillete Ranch for a view of the Las Virgenes Valley. Bring water and sunscreen. Wear appropriate clothing. Meet by the fountain. **1 hour** 

#### OR ... CIRCLE X RANCH - Sandstone Peak Trailhead

Join a ranger on this **strenuous** 3-mile roundtrip hike to the highest point in the Santa Monica Mountains. Learn about the history of the mountains through its geological features. Bring water, sunscreen and sturdy shoes. **3 hours** 

INFO: 805-370-2301

#### FRI 11/23 - SUN 11/25

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
A Thanksgiving Welcome
See box to left

#### SAT 11/24 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help maintain trails.
No experience necessary. Call
for information or to receive a
current schedule in the mail.
818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

#### SAT 11/24

9am

Franklin Canyon Franklin Canyon Ranch
Nature in Focus A good photographer combines technique, composition, and being in the right place at the right time to take a memorable picture. We'll provide a stunning setting and help you along the way. Bring a camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

#### SAT 11/24 10am

King Gillette Ranch or Circle X Ranch Select Your Summit Saturday! See box to left

#### SAT 11/24 10am

King Gillette Ranch
Innovation in the Golden Era
MGM director, Clarence Brown,
made movies on this filming location. Look behind the scenes
at his filmmaking innovations
and Hollywood parties on this
easy walk. Meet in the parking
lot to the left of the pond.
1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

#### SUN 11/25 8:30am

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Hovering Hawks Kestrels,
harriers, and white-tailed kites
perform aerial maneuvers as
other raptors soar on thermals
or perch on poles. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome. Rain
cancels. Meet at main parking
lot. 2.5hrs NPS

#### SUN 11/25 8:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Beach and Wetlands Bird
Watching Experts and beginners, adults and teens, all are
welcome. Bring binoculars. Info:
310-395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS

#### SUN 11/25 10am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents Short walk for children and families suspended until lagoon reconfiguration is finished and sufficient parking available. Info: 310-395-6235. SMBAS

#### SUN 11/25 10am

Malibu Creek State Park
Welcome to Malibu Creek
Join a docent for a walk along
the creek and through a
wooded valley. Learn about the
area's animals, plants, early inhabitants, and movies filmed in
the park. Meet at lower parking
lot. 2hrs MCD



#### SUN 11/25 2pm

Paramount Ranch
Movie Magic Illusions and
hard work turn a dusty set into
a realistic town. Join us on this
easy-paced walk to discover
movie magic and the history of
Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

#### TUE 11/27 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Conditioned Hikers: de Anza
Park Strenuous 11-mile, 2000'
gain loop hike on Talapop,
Phantom Ranch, and connecting trails. Meet at deAnza
Park on Lost Hills Road. Bring
water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain
cancels. Info: 818-246-6257.
5hrs SC

#### TUE 11/27 10am-11am

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center Storytime See box on Page 19

### TUE 11/27 7p

Headwaters Corner
Gourd Society Meeting Join
an on-going workshop of gourd
artists and experience new
techniques and ideas. Beginners
welcome. Gourds available.
Info: 818-702-8020. 2hrs SFVGP

### WED 11/28 6pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Enjoy the
mountains, meadow, and an
ocean overlook as the moon
lights our way. Bring a flashlight
and meet at upper parking
lot. Rain cancels. Reservations
required: 310-317-1364. \$4
parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve K-12 Environmental Education Program:

http://stuntranch.ucnrs.org/index.php/kids-area

For info on the Reserve: http://stuntranch.ucnrs.org

#### WED 11/28 6:30pm

Franklin Canyon -Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr Full Moon Jaunt Join a moderately strenuous hike with great views exploring nature by moonlight. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

A Children's Tour of the Adamson House, Malibu Lagoon Museum, and Malibu Lagoon

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

View life as lived at the house in the 1930's, Chumash culture, plus birds, fish, and tidepools at the lagoon. 2.5 hours MLMD

Organized children's groups only (such as school groups, scouts, and sports groups).

Reservations required: 310-317-8379 or 310-456-8432

# Temescal Canyon Association FALL HIKES

For latest updates: www.temcanvon.org







Tuesdays 10am - 11am

**King Gillette Ranch** 

Come enjoy a few new stories each week and talk about what you can explore further while in the Santa Monica Mountains. For ages 5

INFO: 805-370-2301

and under. WNPA/NPS

#### SAT 12/1 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help maintain trails.
No experience necessary. Call
for more information or to
receive a current schedule in
the mail. 818-222-4531. 6hrs
SMMTC

#### SAT 12/1 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Volunteers help
build and maintain trails. Tools
and instructions provided. Bring
gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy
footwear. For meeting place call
310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

#### SAT 12/1 8:45am

Cold Creek Preserve

Habitat Repair Help restore
oak trees, shrubs, and bunch
grasses that feed and shelter
wildlife. Receive community
service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.
org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs
MRT/CNPS/TP

#### SAT 12/1 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve –
Lower Stunt High Trailhead
First Saturday Savor an
autumn walk-about along a
streamside trail, through oak
woodlands to a gently rolling
chaparral basin below craggy
sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

## SAT 12/1 10am

Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center
Hike to Inspiration Point
Join a ranger on a moderate,
1-mile roundtrip hike for a
view of the Las Virgenes Valley.
Bring water, sunscreen, and
wear appropriate clothing.
Meet at the fountain. 1hr NPS

#### SAT 12/1

10am

Franklin Canyon -Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr Franklin's Movie Magic The site has been the backdrop for movies and TV shows since the 1930s. Go on location on an easy walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

#### SUN 12/2 8am

Topanga State Park

Audubon Bird Walk Buffs and
beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring
binoculars, hat, water, snack,
and optional bird book. Info:
310-455-1401, 2.5hrs LAAS

#### SUN 12/2 8:30am

Topanga State Park

Lower Topanga Park Restoration Help plant, water, and weed. Receive credit for community service. Bring water and snack; wear sturdy footwear. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs

MRT/CNPS/TP

#### SUN 12/2 10am

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center Guest Artist Show & Sale -See box at upper right

## SUN 12/2 2pm, 3pm

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center Sustainable Sundays – Tour and Scavener Hunt See box at upper right

#### TUF 12/4 10am-11am

King Gillette Ranch Storytime See box to left



# Sustainable Sundays

at the Visitor Center

**December 2, 16 & 30** 

2:00pm - 3:00pm Sustainable Sunday Tour Get a behind the scenes tour for what makes this the first Net-Zero Visitor Center in the National Park Service.

3:00pm - 4:00pm Sustainable Sunday Scavenger Hunt Grab your digital camera or cell phone for this hunt. Talk with a ranger about what you find and earn a "green" prize!

Meet by the fountain at King Gillete Ranch. NPS

INFO: 805-370-2301

#### WED 12/5 10am

Peter Strauss Ranch
Plein Air Painting All plein air
painters, experts and beginners,
are invited to join in. Bring your
art materials whether you use
watercolor, oil, or pastels. Questions: Pat at 805-583-8044.
3hrs TOPAW

#### THU 12/6 8:30am

Caballero Canyon -Lower Trailhead

Thursday Hikers: Caballero Canyon to Eagle Rock

Moderately paced 8-10 mile hike in northern Topanga State Park. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC **Satwiwa Winter Solstice** 

# GUEST ARTIST SHOW & SALE

Sunday, December 2, 10am–3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Join us for a day of family fun and discovery. Purchase unique Native American art, jewelry, and music for the holidays. Meet local artists.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

#### **Historic Adamson House**

at Malibu Lagoon State Beach



Get Your Holiday On!

Four days of special Sunday afternoon tours: 12/2, 12/16, 12/23 and 12/30.

Half-hour tours available from 2pm to 4pm. Prepaid reservations required. FEE.

# Christmas Holiday Evening Tours

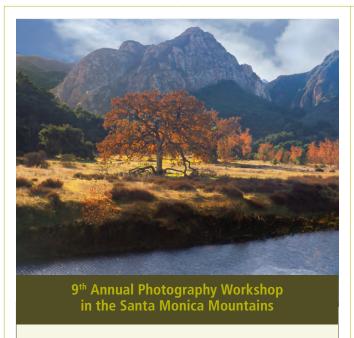
Special evening tours in December: 12/7, 12/14, and 12/21

View the festively decorated Historic Adamson House. Half-hour tours from 7pm to 8:30pm. Prepaid reservations required. FEE.

# Garden Tours

**Tuesdays at 10am** For groups of 10 or more. **Fridays at 10am** For individuals and small groups. Meet docent at the Gate House for a 1 hour tour. Reservation required for groups of 10 or more. FEE.

For reservations: 310-456-8432



Wandering Around Outdoors Photography Workshops presents

# The MASTERS PROGRAM plus bonus DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY BOOT CAMP December 6–9, Thursday to Sunday

Join photographer **Tom Gamache**, co-author of the acclaimed book RANGE ON THE FDGE - The Santa Monica Mountains, and co-director Van Webster for this art-based digital photography workshop. Learn how to make stunning images of the best fall color and most dramatic light of the year in the country's largest urban park.

To register and see Tom's work visit: www.tomgamache.com Sponsored by Mountains Restoration Trust and UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve

#### INFO:

Debbie Bruschaber (Mountains Restoration Trust) (UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve) mrtrust@mountainstrust.org (818) 591- 1701

Carol Felixson cfelixso@ucla.edu (310) 206-3887

#### THU 12/6 2pm

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center Tiny Tot Trek Join a ranger for a fun-filled hike with your toddler (ages 4 years and under) while learning about nature. Bring a snack. Wear appropriate clothing including sturdy shoes. Meet by the fountain. Reservations requested: 805-370-2301. Rain cancels, 2hrs NPS

#### FRI 12/7 3pm

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center **King Gillette Ranch History** Tour Join a ranger for an easy walking tour. Meet at the fountain. 1hr NPS/MRCA

#### SAT 12/8 8:30am Santa Monica Mountains

La Sierra Restoration Day Meet at Peter Strauss Ranch to caravan to La Sierra Preserve. Bring snack and water. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@ treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203, 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

#### **SAT 12/8** 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains Trail Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. Call for more information or to receive a current schedule in the mail. 818-222-4531. 6hrs **SMMTC** 

#### **SAT 12/8** 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains Trail Work Volunteers help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place call 310-559-3126, 5.5hrs SC

#### SAT 12/8 9.30am

Castro Crest Artist's Paint-Out Join us as we capture unique and colorful formations and overviews of the area. For the new or experienced artist, any media. Info: allied-artists.com or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

#### **SAT 12/8** 9:30am

Headwaters Corner Youth Naturalist Program: Outdoor Survival Children ages 8-12 will learn what do if they get lost and how to stay safe until help arrives. Learn orientation skills on a scavenger hunt and build a lean-to. Bring a compass. Fee. Pre-registration required, 818-591-1701 x212. 3hrs MRT.

#### SAT 12/8 10am

Santa Monica Mountains **Beach Hike to Point Dume** Join a ranger for a moderate walk as we explore the shoreline ecology, with views of the Santa Monica Bay. Park and meet at the end of Westward Beach Rd before pay lot. 3hrs NPS

#### **SAT 12/8** 2pm

King Gillette Ranch **Capture a Nature Moment** Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Learn the tricks of nature photography on an easy walk. Bring a camera, 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

#### **SAT 12/8** 3pm

Temescal Gateway Park A Walk into the Chumash World Discover how Chumash Indians have used local natural resources for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life on this easy 1-mile walk. Meet at the front parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

#### SUN 12/9 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center Do Birds Shiver? Find out how birds stay warm at one of the coldest spots in the mountains on this 1-mile accessible walk. Bring binoculars and warm clothes. Beginners welcome. Meet at the flagpole. Rain cancels, 2hrs NPS

#### **SUN 12/9** 8:45am

Santa Monica Mountains Weed War Join us at a restoration site. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople. org or 818-348-5910. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

#### **SUN 12/9** 9am

Franklin Canyon -Sooky Goldman Nature Center Nature Trek A moderately-difficult hike covering the canyon from top to bottom including shady green trails to sun-baked steep paths. Canyon history and habitat chat along the way. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

#### SUN 12/9 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve -Lower Stunt High Trailhead Easing into Winter Join an easy downhill hike that goes through rock-studded chaparral, grassland, and riparian habitats with awesome views, 2.5hrs CCD

#### **SUN 12/9** 11am

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center **Gardening with Nature Tour** the new garden with a ranger. Learn how using native plants can mean less work, saving money, and benefitting the environment! Meet at fountain. 1hr NPS

#### **SUN 12/9**

1pm Circle X Ranch -

Sandstone Peak Trailhead Hike to the Top! Join a ranger on this strenuous 3-mile roundtrip hike to the highest point in the Santa Monica Mountains. Learn about the history of the mountains through its geological features. Bring water, sunscreen, and sturdy shoes, 3hrs NPS

#### SUN 12/9 2pm

Franklin Canyon -Franklin Canyon Ranch Capture a Nature Moment Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Learn the tricks of nature photography on an easy walk. Bring a camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

#### 10am-11am TUE 12/11

King Gillette Ranch Storytime See box on page 24

#### THU 12/13 8:30am

Cheeseboro Canyon/ Palo Comado Canvons Thursday Hikers: Cheeseboro Canyon Moderately paced 10-mile hike to Shepherds' Flat, over grasslands, and along an old ranch road following a streambed. Bring 2 gts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info:

#### THU 12/13 2pm

818-981-4799, 4hrs SC

Solstice Canyon Solstice Secrets A program for young explorers that love nature. Take a short hike near a stream with a ranger and discover the changes that autumn and winter bring to the canyons. 1hr NPS

#### SAT 12/15 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Invasive Plant Removal: Volunteers Needed Help remove
invasive Spanish broom from
Saddle Peak and restore native
habitat. Receive community
service credit. Reservations
required: Jerry 818-406-1269.
Rain cancels. 5hrs SMMTC

#### SAT 12/15 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Volunteers help
build and maintain trails. Tools
and instructions provided. Bring
gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy
footwear. For meeting place call
310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

#### SAT 12/15 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help maintain trails.
No experience necessary. Call for more information or to receive a current schedule in the mail 818-222-4531. 6hrs
SMMTC

#### SAT 12/15 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park
Return of the Lost Oak
Woodlands Help rebuild habitat. Receive community service
credit. Reservations required:
volunteer@treepeople.org or
818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT/
CNPS/TP

#### SAT 12/15 2pm

King Gillette Ranch
A Walk into the Chumash
World Discover how Chumash
Indians have used the natural
resources of their environment
for thousands of years to create
a sustainable way of life on
this easy 1-mile walk. Meet at
parking lot to left of pond. 2hrs
MRCA/SMMC

## SAT 12/15 3:30pm

Franklin Canyon Franklin Canyon Ranch
Winter Solstice Enjoy the
beauty of the shortest day
and listen to the sounds of the
longest night all in the same
hike! Be enlightened about this
incredible seasonal change and
its impact on nature's creatures
on this moderate hike. 2hrs
MRCA/SMMC

#### SUN 12/16 8am

Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds
in unspoiled habitats. Bring
binoculars. Beginners welcome!
Meet in lower parking lot.
Muriel 310-457-5796 or Art
818-887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS

### SUN 12/16 10am

King Gillette Ranch
Innovation in the Golden Era
This site was home to MGM
director, Clarence Brown, who
made movies on this filming location. Look behind the scenes
at his filmmaking innovations
and Hollywood parties on this
easy walk. Meet in the parking
lot to the left of the pond.
1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

### SUN 12/16 10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm

Satwiwa NativeAmerican
Indian Culture Center
Free Cultural Program –
Kathy Willcuts Join this
Lakota native in making a
beaded bracelet. She will
discuss the stages in creating
beadwork and the traditions in
the art. All ages welcome.
NPS

## SUN 12/16 2pm, 3pm

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center Sustainable Sundays – Tour and Scavener Hunt See box on page 25

#### SUN 12/16

2pm

Paramount Ranch
Movie Magic Illusions and
hard work turn a dusty set into
a realistic town. Join us on this
easy-paced walk to discover
movie magic and the history of
Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

#### TUE 12/18 8:30am

Leo Carrillo State Park
Conditioned Hikers: Leo
Carrillo Round-about to
Nicholas Flat Very strenuous
12.5-mile, 3200' gain hike going
to Malibu Springs and Willow
Creek Trails. Bring water, lunch,
and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info:
310-457-9783. 6hrs SC

#### TUE 12/18 10am-11am

King Gillette Ranch
Storytime See box on page 24

#### WED 12/19 10am

Paramount Ranch
Plein Air Painting All plein air
painters, experts and beginners,
are invited to join in. Bring your
art materials whether you use
watercolor, oil, or pastels. Questions: Pat at 805-583-8044.
3hrs TOPAW

#### SAT 12/22 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Volunteers help
build and maintain trails. Tools
and instructions provided. Bring
gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy
footwear. For meeting place call
310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

#### SAT 12/22 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help maintain trails.
No experience necessary. Call
for more information or to
receive a current schedule in
the mail 818-222-4531. 6hrs
SMMTC

#### SUN 12/23 8:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching. Experts and beginners, adults and teens, all are welcome. Bring binoculars. Info: 310-395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS

#### SUN 12/23 10am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Birdwatching for Young
Children and Parents. Short
walk for children and families
suspended until lagoon reconfiguration is finished and sufficient parking available. Info:
310-395-6235. SMBAS

#### THU 12/27 2pm

Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center
Let's Move Outside Kids of all
ages, get physically active in the
great outdoors. Join a ranger
on a physical fitness obstacle
course – prizes will be awarded.
Meet at the fountain. 1hr NPS

## FRI 12/28 5:30pm-7pm

Satwiwa Native American
Indian Culture Center
Fireside Ranger Sing-Along
Join us for an evening under the
winter skies and songs around
the fire with your favorite NPS
rangers! Bring warm clothes, a
flashlight, and a blanket. Rain
cancels. NPS

## FRI 12/28

6pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Enjoy the
mountains, meadow, and an
ocean overlook as the moon
lights our way. Bring a flashlight
and meet at upper parking
lot. Rain cancels. Reservations
required: 310-317-1364. \$4
parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

#### FRI 12/28 6:30pm

Franklin Canyon -Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr Full Moon Jaunt Join a moderately strenuous hike with great views exploring nature by moonlight. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

#### SAT 12/29 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Rehab Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. Call for more information or to receive a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

#### SAT 12/29 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Volunteers help
build and maintain trails. Tools
and instructions provided. Bring
gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy
footwear. For meeting place call
310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

#### SAT 12/29 9am

Franklin Canyon Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature in Focus A good photographer combines technique,
composition, and being in the
right place at the right time to
take a memorable picture. We'll
provide a stunning setting and
help you along the way. Bring a
camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

#### SAT 12/29 10am

Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center
Hike to Inspiration Point
Join a ranger on a moderate,
1-mile roundtrip hike for a
view of the Las Virgenes Valley.
Bring water, sunscreen, and
wear appropriate clothing.
Meet at the fountain. 1hr NPS

#### SUN 12/30 10am

Cold Creek Preserve – Lower Stunt High Trailhead Creek Ramble Early spring wildflowers color the oak-lined trails. Bring water, snack; wear sturdy shoes. 2hrs CNPS

#### SUN 12/30 10am

Malibu Creek State Park
Welcome to Malibu Creek
Enjoy a walk along the creek
and through a wooded valley.
Learn about the area's animals,
plants, early inhabitants, and
movies filmed in the park. Meet
at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

#### SUN 12/30 2pm, 3pm

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center Sustainable Sundays – Tour and Scavener Hunt See box on page 25

A Children's Tour of the Adamson House, Malibu Lagoon Museum, and Malibu Lagoon

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

View life as lived at the house in the 1930's, Chumash culture, plus birds, fish, and tidepools at the lagoon. 2.5 hours MLMD

Organized children's groups only (such as school groups, scouts, and sports groups).

Reservations required: 310-317-8379 or 310-456-8432

Regularly Schoduled Activities					
Circle X Ranch	Group camping, hiking, picnicking in high mountain country. 15 miles of trails. Guided walks as scheduled. Camping fee. NPS				
Cold Creek Preserve	Open daily by reservation only for group and individual walks. Scheduled interpretive plant and bird walks. Tours for private groups may be arranged. 818-591-1701. CCD/MRT				
Coldwater Canyon Park	TreePeople location. Nursery open WED 10am to noon, and SAT 2pm to 4pm. TP				
Franklin Canyon Ranch/ Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking, and nature trails. Regularly scheduled naturalist programs. WODOC/MRCA				
Leo Carrillo State Park	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping, fishing, hiking, and surfing. Visitor center open 10am to 3pm weekends. Parking fee. CSP				
Malibu Creek State Park	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Visitor center open weekends noon to 4pm. Crafts and games for children on first and third SAT of month 12:15pm to 2:30pm. Day-use parking fee. CSP/MCD				
Malibu Lagoon State Beach/ Historic Adamson House	Tours of historic Adamson House and museum WED thru SAT 11am to 3pm. Reservations required for 12 or more. TUE: groups by reservation. Tour fees. Bird walks at the state beach lagoon. Parking fee. CSP/MLMD/SMBAS				
Paramount Ranch	Western town movie set. Ranger-led programs as scheduled; call 805-370-2301 for dates. Picnicking. Equestrian and hiking trails. NPS				
Peter Strauss Ranch	Open 8am to sunset daily. Hillside loop trail, picnicking. Concerts as scheduled. NPS				
Point Mugu State Park	Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Naturalist programs as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP				
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa	Hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails with access to Point Mugu State Park. Culture center is open SAT and SUN 9am to 5pm. NPS				
Rocky Oaks	Hiking and equestrian trails, picnic area. NPS				
Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center	Open daily from 9am to 5pm and closed some holidays. Info on Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and other national parks. Exhibits and bookstore. NPS/MRCA/CSP				
Temescal Gateway Park	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking, and overnight group accommodations available. Parking fee. MRCA				
Topanga State Park	Hiking, picnicking, equestrian and mountain bike trails. Docent-led walks as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP/TCD				
Will Rogers State Historic Park	Open 8am to sunset. Guided tour of ranch house available TUE thru SUN at 11am, 1pm, and 2pm (ranch house closed on MON). Reservations needed for groups of 25 or more. Parking fee. CSP/WRD				
UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve	Environmental research and education. K–12, university level, and community programs. By prior approval only 310-206-3887. SRSMMR				



- Arroyo Sequit 34138 Mulholland Hwy, Malibu. Pacific Coast Hwy to Mulholland Hwy. Turn inland on Mulholland Hwy and go 6 miles to park entrance on right side of road.
- Caballero Canyon Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Reseda Blvd, turn south. Lower Trailhead: 1.9 miles south just past the fountains on left side. Upper Trailhead: Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park. 3.1 miles south at the end of Reseda Blvd near dirt Mulholland.
- 3 California State Parks
  Headquarters Ventura Fwy (101) to Las
  Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes
  Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic
  light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the
  intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. From Pacific
  Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to
  Malibu Creek State Park entrance on left.
- 4 \*Castro Crest Pacific Coast Hwy to Corral Canyon Rd (west of Malibu Canyon Rd). Follow Corral Canyon Rd to end (parking lot).
- 5 Charmlee Wilderness Park Pacific Coast Hwy, about 3 miles south of Ventura County line. Turn inland on Encinal Canyon Rd, 4 miles to park entrance on the left side of road.
- 6 \*Cheeseboro/Palo Comado Canyons Ventura Fwy (101) to Chesebro Rd exit. Turn north on Palo Comado Canyon Rd then right on Chesebro Rd. Go north 1 mile to park entrance. Turn right and follow road to parking lot.
- 7 \*Circle X Ranch Pacific Coast Hwy to Yerba Buena Rd. Turn inland; go 5.4 miles to Circle X Ranch contact station.
  Sandstone Peak Trailhead: 1 mile north of Circle X Ranch contact station on Yerba Buena Rd. Parking lot is on left.
  Mishe Mokwa Trailhead: 1.75 miles north of the Circle X contact station along Yerba Buena Road. Parking lot is on right.

- 8 Cold Creek Preserve & Stunt
  Ranch Reserve Area Ventura Fwy
  (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd south to
  Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right) 0.25 mile.
  At Mulholland Hwy, turn left. Continue for
  5 miles to Stunt Rd.
  Lower Stunt High Trailhead: Turn left on
  Stunt Rd. 1 mile to pullout on right.
  Preserve's Lower Gate: Turn left on Stunt
  Rd. 1.2 miles to pullout on right. Permit
  required for walk-in visitation. Preserve's
  Upper Gate: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 3.3 miles
  to pullout on left. Permit required for walk-in
  visitation.
  - **Top of Stunt Rd:** Intersection of Schueren, Saddle Peak and Stunt Rds.
- 9 Coldwater Canyon Park Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Coldwater Canyon Ave. Go south to intersection at Mulholland Dr. Entrance is on east (left) side.

#### 10 Franklin Canyon

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr (Upper Franklin Canyon): From Ventura Fwy (101), go 2.5 miles south on Coldwater Cyn Ave. At intersection with Mulholland Dr and Franklin Cyn Dr (directly across from Coldwater Canyon Park), turn right on Franklin Cyn Dr. Go 0.5 mile and turn left at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Park in lot on left next to nature center. (To go to Franklin Canyon Ranch: continue south on the reservoir road and Franklin Canyon Dr. Turn left on Lake Dr.) Franklin Canyon Ranch (Lower Franklin Canvon): From Sunset Blvd, turn north on Beverly Dr. Continue on Beverly Dr by veering left at "to Coldwater Cyn Dr" sign and left at intersection with Coldwater Cyn Dr (look for Beverly Hills Fire Station #2). Turn right on Franklin Canyon Dr. Go 1 mile and turn right on Lake Dr. Park at main lot at end of road. (To go to Sooky Goldman Nature Center: continue north on Franklin Canyon Dr, past Lake Dr. Turn right at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Continue to parking lot on right.)

- 11 Headwaters Corner Ventura Fwy (101)
  Exit Mulholland Dr/Valley Circle. Go south
  on Mulholland Dr to Valmar Rd. Turn right
  on Valmar Rd. Continue south and veer right
  on Mulholland Hwy. Signed entrance will be
  on right.
- 12 King Gillette Ranch Ventura Fwy (101)
  Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on
  Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Turn left on Mulholland
  Hwy. Park entrance is 0.1 mile on right.

#### 13 Leo Carrillo State Park

Pacific Coast Hwy at Mulholland Highway.

Nicholas Flat Trailhead: From Pacific
Coast Hwy, turn north on Decker Road.

Travel about 2 miles and turn left on
Decker School Road (not Decker School Lane).

Follow road to the end.

- 14 Malibu Bluffs Park Pacific Coast Hwy at Malibu Canyon Road.
- 15 Malibu Creek State Park Ventura
  Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles
  south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy
  intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is
  0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las
  Virgenes Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy: north
  on Malibu Canyon Rd to park entrance on left.
  Tapia Unit: Entrance is 1 mile south of
  entrance to Malibu Creek State Park.
  Reagan Ranch: Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan
  Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on
  Cornell Way and veer to right. South 3 miles
  to parking area on left (just past Mulholland
  Hwy).

Backbone Trailhead-Malibu Canyon Road: Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go south 5 miles to parking lot on right.

#### 16 Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Pacific Coast Hwy 0.25 mile west of Malibu Pier and 1.5 miles east of Malibu Canyon Rd. Parking lot on ocean side of highway at Cross Creek Rd.

Adamson House: 23200 Pacific Coast Hwy. Parking lot on ocean side of Pacific Coast Hwy opposite Serra Rd.

- 17 Paramount Ranch Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 2.5 miles, entrance is on right side of the road.
- 18 Peter Strauss Ranch Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan Rd 2.8 miles. Turn left on Troutdale Dr to Mulholland Hwy. Left on Mulholland Hwy 400' then right into the parking lot. Walk back across the bridge on Mulholland Hwy and enter main gate to go into the ranch area.
- 19 Point Dume State Preserve Pacific Coast Hwy to Westward Beach Rd in Malibu. Turn south and follow road to parking lot.
- 20 Point Mugu State Park Pacific Coast Hwy, 4 miles west of the Ventura County line. Enter park at Sycamore Canyon Campground. Ray Miller Trailhead: 1.6 miles west of Sycamore Canyon Campground along Pacific Coast Hwy.
- 21 R. H. Meyer Memorial State Beaches Pacific Coast Hwy near Encinal Canyon Rd.

El Matador State Beach: On Pacific Coast Hwy, 0.5 mile east of Encinal Canyon Rd. La Piedra State Beach: On Pacific Coast Hwy 0.1 mile west of Encinal Canyon Rd. El Pescador State Beach: On Pacific Coast Hwy, 0.4 mile west of Encinal Canyon Rd.

22 Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa Ventura Fwy (101) to Lynn Rd exit. South on Lynn Rd 5.25 miles to Via Goleta. Park entrance is on the left.

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center: Walk 0.3 mile up gravel road from the parking area to brown wooden building. Wendy Trailhead: Ventura Fwy (101) to Wendy Dr. exit. South on Wendy Dr to dirt pullout at intersection with Potrero Rd

- 23 Red Rock Canyon Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd, south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right). At Mulholland Hwy turn left. Drive 5 miles to Stunt Rd. Turn left. Drive 1 mile to "Stunt High Trail" sign. Park on wide dirt area on the right side of road. Cross Stunt Rd and hike 1.5 miles on Calabasas Peak Fire Road into canyon..
- 24 Rocky Oaks Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan Rd to Mulholland Hwy. Turn west (right) on Mulholland Hwy and right again into parking lot
- 25 Runyon Canyon Park Hollywood Fwy (101) to Highland Av. South to Franklin Ave. West on Franklin to Fuller, north on Fuller to dead end. Park on street. North Entrance 2.6 miles east of Laurel Canvon Blvd on Mulholland Dr.
- 26 Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center at King Gillette Ranch From Ventura Fwy (101): Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Turn left on Mulholland Hwy. Go 0.1 mile and turn right into entrance of King Gillette Ranch. The visitor center is the first building on your right.
- 27 Solstice Canyon From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Corral Canyon Rd. Drive 0.25 mile to park entrance on left.
- Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center See #22.
- Sooky Goldman Nature Center See #10.
- 28 Stunt Ranch Reserve See #8.
- 29 Tapia Park See #15.
- 30 Temescal Gateway Park From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn inland on Temescal Canyon Rd. Cross Sunset Blvd.

31 Topanga State Park South from Ventura Fwy (101) or north from Pacific Coast Hwy on Topanga Canyon Blvd to Entrada Rd on east (left) side of road. Turn east on Entrada Rd and make two left turns to stav on Entrada Rd to park entrance. Dead Horse Trailhead: From Topanga Canyon Blvd, turn East on Entrada Rd. Parking

lot is 900' on left.

- Los Liones Trailhead: From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Sunset Blvd. Continue on Sunset Blvd for 0.25 mile and turn left on Los Liones Dr. Follow road to the end.
- 32 Wilacre Park Ventura Fwy (101) to Laurel Canyon Blvd, south 1.5 miles to Fryman Rd. Turn right and park along street. Entrance on Fryman Rd just off of Laurel Canyon Blvd.
- 33 Will Rogers State Historic Park 1501 Will Rogers State Park Rd, Pacific Palisades. Pacific Coast Hwy to Sunset Blvd. Inland 5 miles on Sunset Blvd. Entrance signs on left side of road.
- 34 Zuma/Trancas Canyons

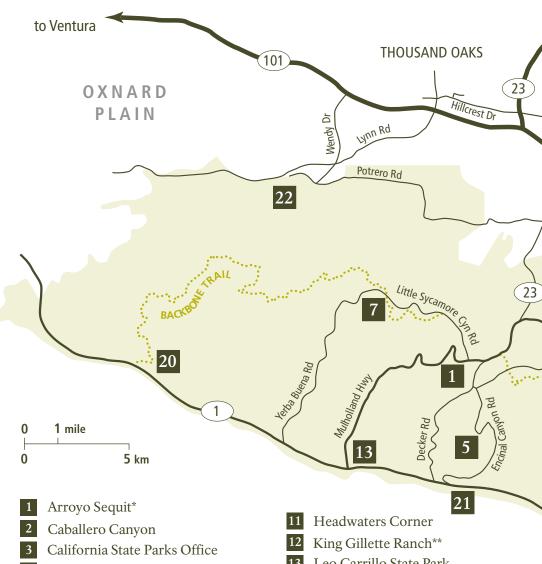
Zuma Ridge Trailhead: Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Drive (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive until it ends.

Zuma Canyon Trailhead: Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Drive (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive. Turn right on Rainsford Place. Turn left on Bonsall Drive. Parking lot at end of road.

Newton Canyon Trailhead: Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan past Mulholland Hwy. Paved pullout is about 1.75 miles south of Mulholland on right, just north of Tunnel 1.



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# Directory of Park Partners

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CCD	818-591-1701	Cold Creek Docents (www.lafn.org/community/mrt/docents.html)
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MRT	818-591-1701	Mountains Restoration Trust (www.mountainstrust.org)
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SMMC	310-589-3200	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (smmc.ca.gov)
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SMMTC	818-222-4531	Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council (www.smmtc.org)
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